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From: Mello, Joe@Wildlife [Joe.Mello@wildlife.ca.gov]
Sent: 8/6/2021 10:17:02 PM
To: Musante, Jason [Musante.Jason@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: EPA Toro Canyon/Toro Creek oil site involvement

Thank You!

J

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On Aug 6, 2021, at 3:04 PM, Musante, Jason <Musante.Jason@epa.gov> wrote:

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Hi Joe –

Thanks for reaching out. As we discussed in our call today, EPA had involvement from 1998 – 2009. In 2008, EPA informed the county that the system would be decommissioned as the NPFC would no longer fund or the county could take over the system O&M. See the attached Response Change letter. The county subsequently agreed to take over and was able to get grant funding from the waterboard. See attached POLREP for background and specifically Polrep #19 for county assumption of responsibility.

Thank you,

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REPORT OIL OR CHEMICAL SPILLS
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From: Mello, Joe@Wildlife <Joe.Mello@wildlife.ca.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 6, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Musante, Jason <Musante.Jason@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Toro Canyon: Proposals from AIS

See below. Paints a different story.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Anderson, Thomas@Wildlife" <Thomas.Anderson@wildlife.ca.gov>
Date: August 6, 2021 at 11:19:07 AM PDT
To: "Mello, Joe@Wildlife" <Joe.Mello@wildlife.ca.gov>
Subject: FW: Toro Canyon: Proposals from AIS

From: Crocker, Josh@Wildlife <Josh.Crocker@wildlife.ca.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 6, 2021 10:56 AM
To: Spencer, Maureen <Mospenc@cosbpw.net>
Cc: Anderson, Thomas@Wildlife <Thomas.Anderson@wildlife.ca.gov>; Delano, Thomas@Wildlife <Thomas.Delano@wildlife.ca.gov>; Connell, Michael@Wildlife <Michael.Connell@wildlife.ca.gov>; Gold, Jennifer@Wildlife <Jennifer.Gold@wildlife.ca.gov>
Subject: Re: Toro Canyon: Proposals from AIS

Good morning Maureen
My team has reviewed this and are good with this proposal.

Thank you,
Warden Joshua Crocker

On Aug 6, 2021, at 10:12 AM, Spencer, Maureen
<Mospenc@cosbpw.net> wrote:

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Hello all,
I am following up from your email below that is asking for additional items on the pipe remediation proposal. The current, proposed pipe remediation will achieve containment of any system leaks so the oil will be delivered to the underground storage tank. If there is a leak in the pipe uphill of the remediation site, it will all be contained in the new pipe. Therefore, we propose immediately moving forward with the 130' of pipe remediation to gather any oil coming out of the black pipe that surrounds the most-inner oil delivery pipe. This will allow completing this pipe remediation as quickly as possible.

In speaking to AIS, it is best if the creek clean-up and pipe remediation occur at the same time as this enables AIS to maximize the use of labor, material bins, and transport of materials for disposal and reduce impacts on neighbors as well. The County would need to further define the scope of work to add inspection of the entire length of the pipe and tank to this proposal, which will take more time. The County will continue to monitor the area, including the creek bank and report to CDFW on a regular basis. Staff inspected the creek bank and have determined that there does not appear to be an active leak as that area is dry. The County also is working with CUPA to schedule an inspection of the tank.

We agree, however, that the system should be evaluated and Project Clean Water has a new grant to do so. The system was designed, constructed, and managed by EPA for at least 10 years so EPA may need or want to be involved in this process as well. The County will continue to work with CUPA, EPA, Regional Board, etc. on the overall system.

The County is very committed to getting the current proposal done as soon as possible. We would appreciate approval of that proposal today so the County can process the Change Order immediately and move this item forward.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you
Maureen

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From: Crocker, Josh@Wildlife <Josh.Crocker@wildlife.ca.gov>
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Hello Maureen,
My team has looked at the proposals and have a few additions.

For the creek clean up we would like to see:
After hand removal of oiled soil and vegetation, AIS will construct a berm or weeper dam to contain oil before flushing with pressure washer. Berm or weeper dams will be constructed at each skimming location to aid in oil collection. (AIS will know what this is.)
AIS will remove oil until the clean/up endpoints that are agreed to by COSB and CDFW are met.

For the pipe remediation:
We would like there to be something included that involves inspection of the 6000 gallon holding tank and the entire length of the pipe from the oil/water separator to the tank for leaks. If they replace the 130 feet of line and there is another leak further up, we are back to square one. Your CUPA might be able to do this part for you. I put a call in with him and waiting to hear back.

Also, there were two more dead oiled birds found this morning by OWCN. This brings the total to 13 oiled/ dead birds and one bat.

From: Spencer, Maureen <Mospenc@cosbpw.net>
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Subject: RE: Toro Canyon: Proposals from AIS

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Hello all,
I have attached the proposals from AIS for the creek clean-up and pipe replacement.

Once I receive approval from everyone I will process a change order as quickly as possible. We will push on our end to get approval so work can start asap....I'm hoping for Monday start of work.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you

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